Our lives are prostrate at your feet to be commanded, yea, and thanked be God and honour to your Majesty for it, such is the power and force of your subjects that of their own strengths they are able to encounter your greatest enemies, and though we be such yet have we a Prince that is *sine acuho,* so full of that clemency is your Majesty I must now to your laws

[c] The laws we have conferred upon this session of so honourable a Parliament are of two natures, they are such as have life but are ready to die, except your Majesty breathe life into them again The other are laws that never had life, but being void of life do come to your Majesty to seek life,

* The first sort are those laws that had continuance until this Parliament and are now to receive new life The other that I term capable of life are those which are newly made but have no essence until your Majesty giveth them life

* Two laws there are, but I must give the honour where it is due, for they come from the able, wise lords of the Upper House, the most honourable and beneficial laws that could be desired, the one a confirmation of all Letters Patents from your Majesty's most noble father of all Ecclesiastical livings, which that King of most renowned memory took from those superstitious monasteries and priories, and translated them to the erecting of many foundations of Churches and Colleges, thereby greatly furthering the maintenance of learning and true religion. The othei law to suppress the obstinate recusant and the dangerous sectary, both very pernicious to your Royal Government

*Lastly,your most loving and obedient subjects,the Commons of the Lower House, most humbly and with dutiful thanks stand bound unto your gracious goodness for your general and large

pardon granted unto them, wherein many great offences are pardoned, but it extendeth only to offences done before Parliament

' I have many ways since the beginning of this Parliament by ignorance and insufficiency to perform that which I should have done offended your Majesty, I most humbly crave to be partaker of your most gracious pardon'

The Lord Keeper then received instructions from the Queen and afterwards replied to the Speaker that her Majesty did most graciously accept of these services and devotions of tins Parlia-